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Highlights

LEADING THE NEWS

Planned Truck Rule Exemption Will Test EPA's Policy Defenses

By Abby Smith

Only a few truck and engine makers cheered the EPA's plans to park some Obama-era truck emissions limits, so now the agency must decide whether to listen to the niche equipment makers that its plan would benefit, or to the rest of the trucking industry.

Revived Pebble Mine in Alaska Reignites War Over Expansion

By Stephen Lee

Pebble Partnership, which hopes to build a gold and copper mine in Alaska, isn't denying suggestions that it might someday try to expand the project, as environmentalists fear.

States Take Lead in Preparing Toxic Sites for Climate Change

By Sylvia Carignan

States and cities are proactively adapting their contaminated sites for severe weather amid federal reluctance to plan for risks related to climate change.

Toxic Pollutants in California Mudslide Present Cleanup Challenges

By Adam Allington

A potential environmental emergency is looming as cleanup continues from California's deadly mudslide: pollution from toxic mud and sludge, some of which is being dumped on local beaches.

GOP Senator Slaps Hold on Trump's Nuclear Cleanup Nominee

By Dean Scott

A Wyoming Republican put a hold on the pick to oversee the Energy Department's nuclear cleanup sites unless she provides an explicit pledge to end an agency effort to offer cleaned uranium for entities that take on nuclear cleanup.

With Pesticide Fee Bill Treading Water, Industry Eyes Alternatives

By Tiffany Stecker

The pesticide industry is hesitantly looking at new ways to pass a crucial bill to keep afloat the EPA office that registers their products.

TODAY'S NEWS

Partisan Battle Lines Drawn on Water Infrastructure Bill

By David Schultz

The outlines of an upcoming partisan fight over Congress' biennial water resources bill are becoming clear after a series of hearings on Capitol Hill this week.

Senate Committee Again Approves Justice Environment Pick

By Sara Merken

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved Jeffrey Bossert Clark to head the Justice Department's environment division Jan. 18. over opposition from Democrats.

Small Boats Could Face Discharge Liability Absent Senate Action

By Amena H. Saiyid

More than 100,000 charter fishing boats, water taxis, tugboats, dive boats, research and commercial fishing vessels that are less than 79 feet in length could be liable under the Clean Water Act if the Senate does not extend a discharge permit exemption by Jan. 19.

Energy Regulator Proposes Draft Grid Cyber Protection Rule

By Rebecca Kern

A proposal strengthening cyber protections of the electricity supply chain was advanced by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in a unanimous vote on Jan. 18. It aims to bolster defense of the grid's control system hardware, software, and computing and networking services against cyber attacks.

EPA Aids Chemical Makers as Listing Deadline Looms

By Pat Rizzuto

The EPA is promising chemical makers last minute assistance by posting additional resources online to help them get their products on a crucial inventory needed to allow chemical sales.

Keystone XL Pipeline Gets Enough Shipper Pledges to Proceed

By Meenal Vamburkar

TransCanada Corp. has enough customer interest to go forward with the Keystone XL oil pipeline, if the company decides to build it.

Trump Ruling Nears Amid Lobbying Frenzy on Solar Panel Tariffs

By Ari Natter

Solar installers, project developers, and others fearful that President Donald Trump will move forward with tariffs on imported solar panels are engaged in a frenzy of last minute lobbying as the White House nears a decision in a trade case that has the potential to cripple their \$20 billion industry.

Save the Snowpack, Save the Water Supply

By Daniel Rothberg

Between droughts and floods, the last decade has offered water managers in the southwest a preview of how climate change could impact a supply largely dependent on winter snow. This year's disappointing snowpack has them worried again.

Uranium Mines, Old and New, Fuel Litigation

By Steven M. Sellers

Hundreds of long-abandoned uranium mines dotting western states and dug in the early days of World War II have, and continue to, cost mining operators, and their successors billions in litigation-fueled cleanup costs.

Iowa Proposal Would Allow Loans for Lead Service Line Replacements

By Stephen Joyce

Iowa municipalities could receive loans to replace lead service lines and assume statewide enforcement obligations for water-quality standards under a new Iowa Department of Natural Resources proposal.

New England Could See Rolling Blackouts Without New Pipelines: Study

By Jim Polson and Catherine Traywick

New England could suffer rolling blackouts within seven years if additional natural-gas pipelines aren't built to fuel power plants, the region's electricity grid operator said.

EU Committee to Examine Approval of Glyphosate, Other Pesticides

By Stephen Gardner

Pesticides manufacturers broadly welcomed a provisional European Parliament decision to establish a special committee of lawmakers to examine European Union pesticide approvals procedures, in the wake of recent battles over the weedkiller glyphosate.

Palm Oil Giants Hit Back as EU Adopts Plan to Restrict Usage

By Anuradha Raghu and Eko Listiyorini

The world's biggest palm oil producers have hit back at a European push to restrict the use of the vegetable oil in renewable fuels.

France to Double Onshore Wind Output by Halving Development Time

By Francois de Beaupuy

France aims to double onshore wind power production in the seven years to 2023 by cutting farm development times by half.

Some China Localities Go Rogue in Manipulating Air Quality Data

By Michael Standaert

Some local Chinese officials are ordering workers to spray water around air pollution monitors in an effort to obscure readings, environmental authorities warned.

Saudis Setting Eyes on Latin America for Renewable-Energy Push

By Vanessa Dezem

Abdul Latif Jameel Co., a Saudi Arabian industrial group involved in everything from auto imports to real estate, is turning its attention to Latin America's clean-energy market.

Mazda Says Improved Gasoline Cars Cut Need for Electric Vehicles

By Ma Jie

Mazda Motor Corp., running counter to the industry's shift toward electric vehicles, says rapid improvements in conventional-engine technology mean non-gasoline cars won't be needed on a mass scale to solve pollution woes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WRAPUP

Environment, Energy Agencies Prepare as Shutdown Threat Hovers

By Dean Scott, Abby Smith, Rebecca Kem, Alan Kovski, Bruce Rolfsen, and Sylvia Carignan

The EPA and other federal regulators are dusting off contingency plans for a government shutdown, amid signs that both parties might fall short of deal before funding runs out at midnight Jan. 19.

Chemicals Pose Challenge for Any Bilateral U.S.-U.K. Deal

By Ali Qassim

The odds for including a chemicals chapter in any future bilateral trade deal between the U.S. and the U.K. are low, witnesses told a British parliamentary trade committee.

Activist ValueAct Takes AES Stake in Push for Cleaner Energy

By Mark Chediak and Scott Deveau

Activist investor ValueAct Capital Management has taken a stake in international power producer AES Corp., and the fund's founder Jeffrey Ubben will join its board to help push for cleaner energy resources.

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